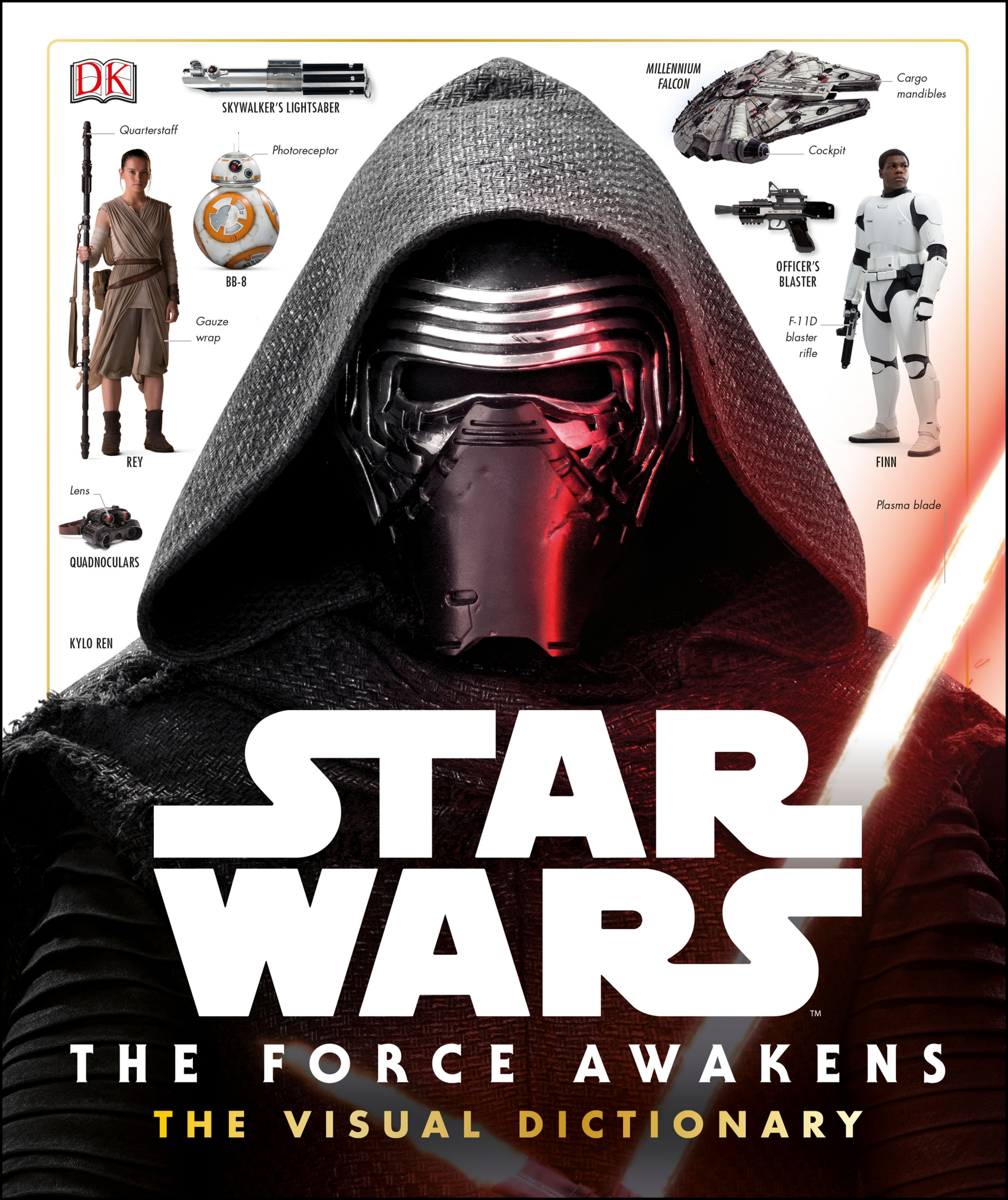
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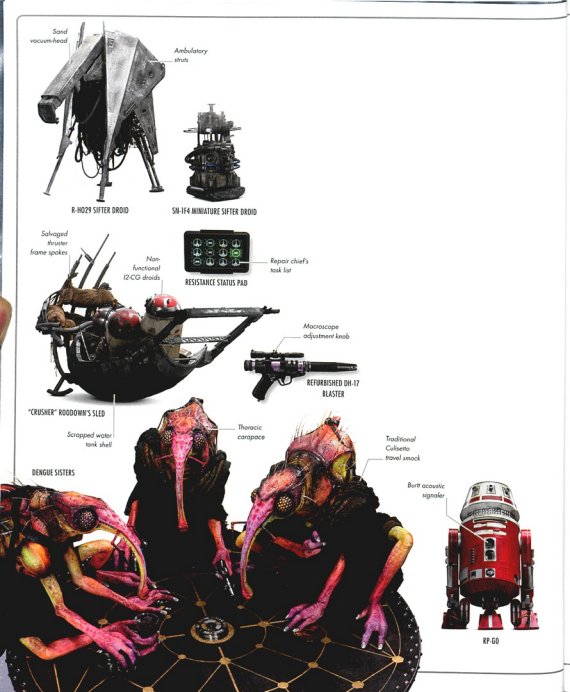

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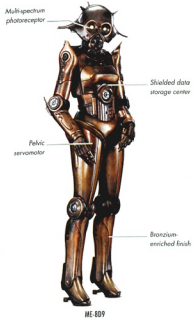

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INTRODUCTION

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS launches audiences into a new era of storytelling. A New Republic holds sway over a civilized galaxy. In the depths of uncharted space, the next evolution of the Empire—the First Order—stands ready to unleash destruction on an unsuspecting target. The Resistance, outnumbered and underequipped, is all that stands in its way. Absent from the galactic stage are the Jedi Knights—Luke Skywalker is missing when the galaxy seems to need him the most. It falls to a new generation of heroes to rise and rekindle the power of the Force.

The gap of 30 years since the events of *Return of the Jedi* invites endless speculation as to what has happened since that triumph of the Rebel Alliance over the evil Galactic Empire. How has the galaxy reshaped itself? Who are the players in this latest struggle for power? What has become of the legends of the past and who are the new heroes of tomorrow? This Visual Dictionary starts to answer some of those questions.

PEACE INTERRUPTED

AFTER YEARS OF REBELLION, the death of Emperor Palpatine gave the oppressed peoples of the galaxy undeniable evidence that the Empire could be defeated. A longing for freedom and peace drove a great tide of revolution from sector to sector, to the point where a truce—unthinkable at the height of the Galactic Civil War—was signed between the New Republic and the weakened Empire. As one of its first acts, the restored Senate promptly passed the Military Disarmament Act. Many were convinced that the age of galaxy-wide conflict was over.

THE NEW REPUBLIC

Following its great victory against the Empire at the Battle of Endor, the Alliance to Restore the Republic rebranded itself as the New Republic, and shortly afterward a peace treaty—the Galactic Concordance—was signed with the remnants of the Empire. Believing that the Empire was no longer a threat, the New Republic turned its attention to reshaping galactic politics.

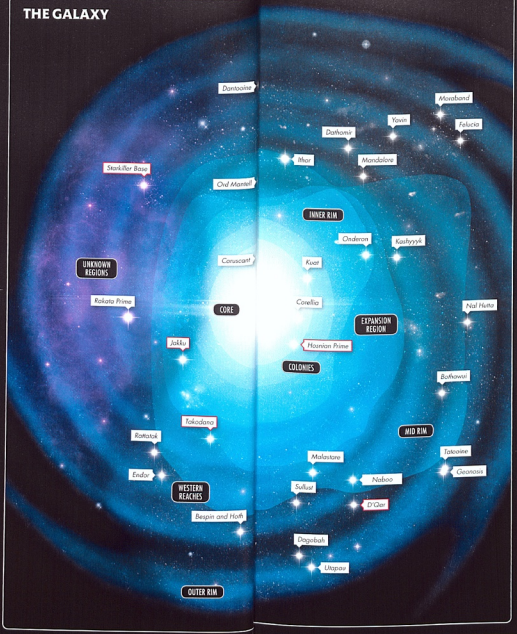
THE FIRST ORDER

The Galactic Concordance delanged the Empire's ability to wage war, with strict disarmament treaties and punishing reparations. The Old Empire withered away, becoming a remnant of political hardliners locked in a cold war with the New Republic, before eventually breaking away to reform in the Unknown Regions as the mysterious First Order.

THE RESISTANCE

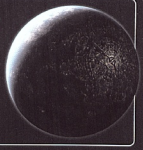
The Resistance is a small private force created by Princess Leia Organa to keep watch on the movements of the First Order. Though she petitions the New Republic government for support, she finds the politics of the Senate too slow and too mired in self-interest to be of any help. The New Republic tolerates the Resistance, though it is wary of risking war with the First Order.

THE GALAXY



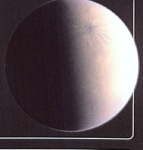
HOSNIAN PRIME

To demonstrate that the New Republic was not doomed to repeat the errors of the past, one of Chancellor Mon Mothma's first edicts was the restoration of the Galactic Senate, to create a forum where the Republic would define its very nature. It was decided that all worlds would have an equal say in the shaping of government. This change resulted in the capital of galactic politics moving from Coruscant, its home for millennia. Member worlds would now host the Senate on a rotating basis. At this time, it is the cosmopolitan world of Hoonian Prime where the Senate convenes.



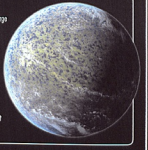
JAKKU

Jakku is a striking example of a world shaped by the aftermath of the Galactic Civil War. The barely settled desert world in the Western Reaches became a rallying point for retreating Imperial forces, and they fought a last-stand battle above the planet, which once held a secret Imperial research base. A huge fleet of New Republic warships engaged Imperial vessels in the upper atmosphere, and the crippled Imperial ships used their tractor beams to drag Republic vessels into the sands below. The end result was a vast graveyard of warships, waiting to be plundered.



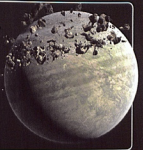
TAKODANA

Galactic Republic, Imperial, New Republic—who is in charge of the galaxy matters little to the most cynical of space pirates, who look to make a living on the edges of the low and civilized space. Takodana has been a haven for shady spacers for centuries, as the den of famed pirate Maz Kanata. In her castle keep she hosts a crossroads for travelers looking to journey deeper into civilization or farther into the frontier. Wise has not come to Takodana, as it has remained neutral throughout its long history, and spies on all sides frequent Maz's castle, hoping to find strategic information.



D'QAR

A world of lush vegetation and no native intelligent life, D'Qar fit the profile for a prospective rebel base when it was first scouted decades earlier by members of Corona Squadron. Pilots Thane Kyrell and Kendy Idele initially surveyed the world for signs of an Imperial presence prior to the Battle of Endor. A small Alliance outpost was later established, but the war ended before the need for a full-scale base ever surfaced. The scouting report remained secure in Alliance records for when the Resistance required a hidden base of operations.



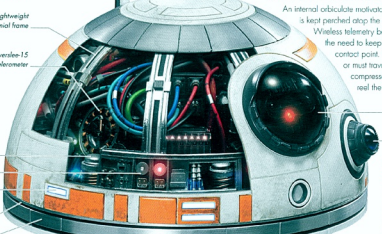
BB-8

AN INTENSELY LOYAL astromech droid, BB-8 is usually never far from pilot Poe Dameron's heels. Like the older, larger astromechs that assist the ranks of the Resistance starfighter forces, BB-8 is equipped to control the flight and power distribution systems of a starfighter when the droid is locked into its astromech socket. The pairing of a selenium power drive and a dedicated, goal-focused personality keeps this orbiculate automaton tirelessly rolling, even into certain danger.

TRUSTY COMPANION

BB-8 is the first to spot the approaching First Order invasion of Kelvin Ravine on Jakku, and attempts to warn Poe. As it becomes clear that Poe is unable to complete his mission for General Leia Organa, the pilot asks BB-8 to continue alone. The little droid bravely evades the attacking stormtroopers and rolls into the foreboding desert night.

Though BB-8's self-preservation protocols result in the droid being skittish and easily frightened, its experiences have created a strong loyalty subprogram that cannot be overwritten.



ALWAYS MOVING

An internal orbiculate motivator rolls BB-8's body, while its head is kept perched atop the sphere with magnetic casters. Wireless telemetry between the head and body removes the need to keep the head tethered to a single contact point. When BB-8 needs extra stability or must traverse areas it can't roll through, it fires compressed liquid cable launchers that then reel the droid into hard-to-reach spots.

BB-8's dense shell and sealed access points prevent dust contamination that would have seized the servomotors of older models.

BB-8's six swappable circular tool-bay disks can be replaced and upgraded with minimal reprogramming. This example is equipped with a magnetic-tipped bolt spinner.

FRIENDS IN FLIGHT

Poe Dameron grew up hearing tales of heroic pilots and their trusty astromechs, and as such has always fostered a deep respect for his droid companions. Dameron keeps BB-8's systems up to date and the droid's mechanical components well maintained. BB-8 returns the favor by making sure the settings on any ship assigned to Poe are configured to his preferences.

DATA FILE

» BB-8 converses in 27th generation droidspeek code, a compressed variant of the most common astromech language.

» BB-8's tracking mode, which connects it to the Resistance network, was neglectfully disabled prior to its latest mission.

FN-2187

A PRODUCT OF THE First Order's methodical, systemized military training programs, FN-2187 proves to be a highly skilled stormtrooper—at least, during simulations. Though FN-2187's agility, endurance, coordination, and accuracy score high marks, he lacks the combat zeal or submission to authority evident in his squadmates. FN-2187 keeps his misgivings well hidden. Before his first combat assignment, his record is free of any signs of dissent. His spotless profile does not survive a brutal night assault on a sacred village on Jakku.

FN-2187 quickly learns the terrible reality of war during the Jakku raid, when he witnesses the sudden and violent death of his squadmate FN-2003.

FN-2187's vivid combat simulations do not prepare him for such horrible scenes as the cold-blooded massacre of innocent civilians.

STORMTROOPER QUADNOCULARS
Quadnoculars are oversized image enhancers used by First Order stormtroopers. The quartet of precision lenses offer enhanced multispectral imaging.

STORMTROOPER HELMET
The standard infantry helmet of the First Order protects FN-2187's head, equips him with communications and targeting systems, and conceals any shred of individuality.

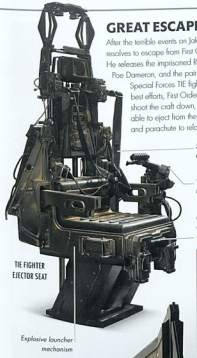
RELUCTANT WARRIOR

While FN-2187 performs at the top of his combat classes, the ever-present First Order propaganda never really takes hold in his heart. FN-2187's motives to excel are personal, not political—he is more concerned with protecting his squadmates than bringing order to the galaxy. He has a friendly, charming personality that conceals just how unprepared he is for life outside the First Order.

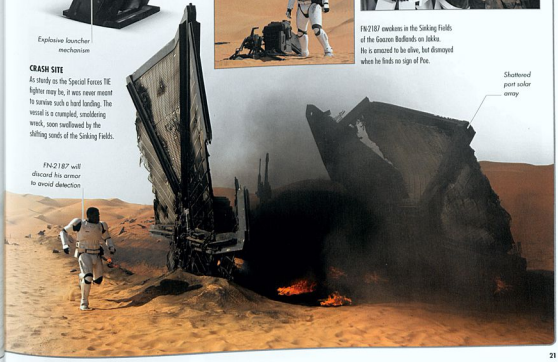
Used to relying on his fellow troopers, FN-2187 finds himself instinctively pairing with and trusting strangers rather easily.

GREAT ESCAPE

After the terrible events on Jakku, FN-2187 resolves to escape from First Order service. He releases the imprisoned Resistance pilot, Poe Dameron, and the pair recklessly steals a Special Forces TIE fighter. Despite Poe's best efforts, First Order weapon batteries shoot the craft down, but FN-2187 is able to eject from the doomed vessel and parachute to relative safety.



CRASH SITE
As sturdy as the Special Forces TIE fighter may be, it was never meant to survive such a hard landing. The vessel is a crumpled, smoldering wreck, soon swallowed by the shifting sands of the Sinking Fields.



DATA FILE

> FN-2187's unit is under the direct command of Captain Phasma, who monitors his performance closely.

> As part of his training rotation, FN-2187 also logged many hours on sanitation detail, dirty work that nonetheless needed doing.

Fast-talking FN-2187 enlists the aid of beleaguered Poe Dameron in his hastily conceived escape plan. Used to improvisation, Poe agrees, knowing he has few options available.

FN-2187 awakens in the Sinking Fields of the Gaurun Badlands on Jakku. He is amazed to be alive, but dismayed when he finds no sign of Poe.

FINN

AFTER THE RAID on Jakku, questions arise regarding FN-2187's competence on the battlefield. He is scheduled to undergo "renewal therapy" to ensure his unquestioning loyalty to the First Order, but before that happens, FN-2187 has a profound change of heart, and becomes a fugitive. He adopts the name "Finn" instead of his numerical designation, the only identity he has ever known. It would seem that Finn's good nature—a gentleness, humor, and unerring moral compass—could not be wiped from his mind as it is from others who undergo stormtrooper training.

The First Order's determination to capture BB-8 as well as recover a deserter turns life upside down for Rey, who is swept up in Finn's escape.

Covering his frantic flight from Jakku, Finn puts his training to good use behind the controls of the *Millennium Falcon*'s vintage Corellian YG-9G quad laser cannons.

DESERTER

Once the rush of escape fades and Finn has a moment to collect his thoughts, he begins to realize the enormity of his actions. Having made an enemy of Kylo Ren means Finn must keep running. Knowing very little of the galaxy's workings beyond the borders of the First Order, Finn at first considers joining a pirate crew. But such thoughts instantly vaporize when the First Order strikes again, and reveals the unrivaled power of its ultimate weapon—a weapon that Finn served in the shadow of.

Tortured by thirst on Jakku, Finn drinks from a trough shared by a stinking hoppsbore. No simulation could prepare him for the hardships of desert survival.

Resistance fighter jacket, "borrowed" from Poe Dameron

FINN'S BLASTER

PYRO DENTON EXPLOSIVE

Improvised thermal detonator

Having shed his First Order equipment, Finn picks up an older Resistance blaster rifle offered to him by Han Solo. The BlasTech E5-16 is similar enough to the stormtrooper F-11D for Finn to use well.

DATA FILE

> Despite Finn's sheltered upbringing, he has heard of Han Solo (as an Alliance general) and Luke Skywalker (as a Jedi Knight).

> Finn nearly joins the crew of pirate Captain Wrane while on Takodana.

Finn strives to make himself useful while on the Resistance base. His lifetime of First Order training means he is a natural at sorting ordnance.

Finn's firsthand knowledge of the First Order proves extremely valuable to the efforts of Rey and Han Solo.

RESISTANCE FIGHTER

Finn has little knowledge of galactic politics. His sheltered upbringing within the First Order would have resulted in a skewed view of history. Had he bothered paying attention to the propaganda. Though Finn may not fully appreciate the aims and struggles of the Resistance, he does value friendship. Seeing that the cause of the Resistance is one that matters deeply to Poe Dameron, Han Solo, and Rey, Finn signs up, even though his past may cause some in the Resistance to distrust him.

KYLO REN

STRIDING ONTO RAVAGED BATTLEFIELDS with bold purpose, his singed robes whirling about his lean frame, is the mysterious Kylo Ren. His body radiates with suppressed anger, a fiery temper kept in check and honed to a deadly point. Though Ren often arrives after his stormtroopers have secured victory, he has no fear of battle. His ability to use the Force grants him many impressive combat skills, but Kylo Ren is no Jedi, nor is he a Sith. He is the archetype of a new generation of dark side users that have emerged to fill the void left by the Sith's demise.

DATA FILE

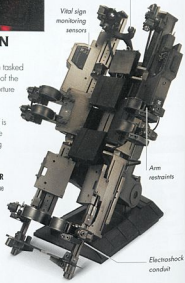
> Kylo Ren is an adopted name; his birth name is never spoken, by decree of the First Order's Supreme Leader.

> The Supreme Leader believes Ren to be the ideal embodiment of the Force, a focal point of both light and dark side ability.

Resistance Commander Poe Dameron, captured while trying to uncover a trove of Jedi information, undergoes questioning.

INTERROGATION

To ensure the First Order remains unchallenged, Kylo Ren has been tasked with hunting down any remnants of the Jedi. The dark warrior employs torture on his helpless captives, using a disturbing array of pain-inflicting devices. Beyond such tools, Kylo is skilled at using the Force to probe the minds of the unwilling, tearing loose deeply held secrets.



INTERROGATION CHAIR

Similar to devices developed by the Inquisitorius of the Galactic Empire, Kylo Ren's interrogation chair is a collection of pain-causing implements distributed along a prisoner-confining frame.

INTERROGATION TOOLS

Within his private quarters aboard the *Finalizer*, Kylo Ren communes with the charred remnants of Darth Vader, vowing to finish the work the Dark Lord started a generation earlier.

KYLO REN'S HELMET

Patterned after the battle gear of the Knights of Ren, Kylo Ren's helmet conceals his identity and adds to his imposing demeanor. Servomotors drive articulated arms that separate the face mask from the helmet, letting Kylo remove the black form to stare down his opponents with uncontained malice.

VADER'S MASK

Scavenged from a funeral pyre on Endor, Darth Vader's charred and melted helmet is a silent symbol of both the dark side's power and its weakness.

THE *FINALIZER*

Constructed in a secret shipyard within the Unknown Regions, the *Finalizer* is a clear violation of New Republic disarmament treaties.

COMMAND SHIPS

Kylo Ren commands from the bridge of the *Finalizer*, a *Resurgent*-class Star Destroyer bristling with firepower. At nearly 3,000 meters long, it is almost twice the size of the Old Empire's Star Destroyers. For travel to planetary surfaces, Kylo uses an *Upsilon*-class shuttle, with towering wings that cut an imposing profile. The crews of both ships know to be wary of Ren's volatile temper.

REN'S SHUTTLE

The shuttle's enormous stabilizer wings serve as deflector shield projection and sensor surfaces, providing the ship with impressive data collection capabilities and resistance to incoming fire.

After the subjugation of Tuonul village on Jakku, Kylo Ren emerges onto the smoldering battlefield to personally interrogate any high-value prisoners.

FIRST ORDER WARRIOR

Kylo Ren exists outside the formal command structure of the First Order, and has a direct link to the shadowy Supreme Leader who is ultimately in charge of these forces of darkness. It is with palpable tension that the upper command of the First Order contends with Kylo, as his agenda always trumps military objectives. In this way, Kylo's placement within the hierarchy resembles that of Darth Vader in the old Galactic Empire. This is entirely by design.

KYLO REN: DARK WARRIOR

HAVING STUDIED JEDI SKILLS as well as arcane dark side lore, Kylo Ren is the embodiment of conflict, drawing upon contradictory teachings and deriving power from discord. Ren has taken pains to bury his past, though he uses the unpleasant emotions that stir within him when reflecting upon his youth to fuel his anger and dark powers. Through his veins courses the bloodline of the most powerful Jedi and Sith, and Ren sees it as his birthright to rule the weaker beings in the galaxy. As his power rises, it eclipses his past life leaving the young man further isolated. Kylo Ren aspires to build immunity to the light side – to succeed where Darth Vader and his sentimentality once failed.

Kylo Ren is the most gifted apprentice of Supreme Leader Snoke, a mysterious figure steeped in dark side knowledge who commands the First Order from a distance.

LIGHTSABER COMBAT

The lightsaber skills of Kylo Ren are, ironically, responsible for that elegant weapon and its combat forms remaining unknown to the galaxy at large. Kylo Ren betrayed the other Jedi students studying with Master Luke Skywalker, and is responsible for their destruction. He has well earned the nickname "Jedi Killer", whispered in the First Order ranks, as it was his deadly lightsaber skills that prevented the return of the Jedi Order.

DATA FILE

> Though Kylo's weapon evokes an ancient feel, its components are modern. Its crude appearance suggests construction by an inexperienced hand.

> The stressed crystal barely contains the power of the weapon, necessitating lateral plasma vents that become the crossguard quillons.

THE DARK SIDE

The dark side flows through Kylo Ren, making him an almost unstoppable force on the field of battle. His reflexes and telekinetic defences are immense – he is able to stop an incoming blaster bolt in midair and hold it in place for several seconds before releasing it. He is also a master of telepathic intrusion, using the ability to coerce or torment his prisoners into revealing secret information.

KYLO'S LIGHTSABER

Kylo Ren's unusual lightsaber is an ancient design, dating back thousands of years to the Great Scourge of Malachor. The crossguard blades, or quillons, are tributaries of the primary central blade, all spawning from a cracked kyber crystal that is the cause of their ragged, unstable appearance. An array of focusing crystal activators split the plasma stream into perpendicular blade energy channels, creating the quillons. The emitter shrouds on the crossguard protect the bearer's hand from the smaller blades.

The crossguard blades emerge soon after the main blade snaps into existence, helping to balance the power of Kylo Ren's lightsaber.

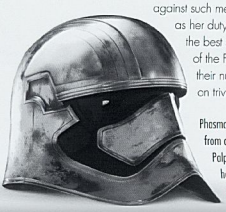
CAPTAIN PHASMA

CHARGED WITH COMMANDING the stormtrooper forces of the First Order, Phasma's true rank is higher than the simplistic label "captain" would suggest. Although her position could easily afford her a well-appointed war room far from the battlefield, Phasma insists on seeing combat operations firsthand, and shuns any comfortable trappings of elevated rank. She wears distinctive chromed armor that broadcasts her authority, but also makes clear that she is a woman of action who fights alongside those under her command.

Phasma disagrees with General Hux over what it takes to make a soldier. The methodical Hux has developed automated training regimes that simulate battle situations. Phasma believes such programs don't test the true heart of a soldier: courage and tenacity.

STORMTROOPER COMMANDER

Despite the intensely patriotic First Order records of the Empire's military effectiveness, Phasma privately concedes the shortcomings of its original stormtroopers. She believes it was the interference of politics—and shortsighted, ambitious Imperial officials—that led to soldiers of uneven skill and effectiveness. Phasma looks to guard against such meddling. She sees it as her duty to ensure that only the best soldiers wear the armor of the First Order, and that their numbers aren't wasted on trivial assignments.



Phasma's armor is coated in salvaged chromium from a Naboo yacht once owned by Emperor Palpatine. Its polished finish helps reflect harmful radiation, but it serves primarily as a symbol of past power.

DATA FILE

> Phasma serves as the third partner in the unofficial command triumvirate of the Starkiller operation, alongside Kylo Ren and General Hux.

> Phasma takes it upon herself to memorize the serial numbers of all stormtroopers under her direct command.

PHASMA IN COMBAT

Phasma has led from the front as the First Order expands into the wilderness of the Unknown Regions. Obsessed with physical perfection, she spends every waking hour honing her combat abilities. She is a qualified expert on all First Order small arms, and has also trained in vehicular and starfighter combat. She pays little heed to outdated notions of inequality between genders, an idea common on undeveloped worlds. To her thinking, a female stormtrooper is nothing new at all. The anonymity provided by their armor concealed the fact that both men and women served the Galactic Empire as stormtroopers.

PHASMA'S BLASTER RIFLE

A perfectionist, Phasma routinely patrols the areas under her command as a means of keeping her senses keen and her soldiers in line. Even in such an expansive operation as Starkiller Base, Phasma makes most of these inspection rounds on foot, walking dozens of kilometers in a typical day.

REY

LIFE ON JAKKU is tough—it is a daily struggle for survival on the harsh planet. Nineteen-year-old Rey has carved out her existence on this bleak frontier world. Each day she has marked her victory over the searing sunlight, scorching sands, and cutthroat scavengers with a scratch along the wall of her makeshift home. Thousands of scratches are a testament to her tenacity and survivor's instinct. Despite a life that should have built a barrier against any sympathy or weakness, Rey still possesses a generous heart and a willingness to help those in need.

REY'S HOUSE

Rey lives in a toppled AT-AT walker, not far from the junkfields that surround Niima Outpost. A hatch in the walker's exposed belly leads to the sleeping interior that Rey calls home. Here, she refurbishes scrap prior to trading it, and sleeps in a simple hammock.

Rey crafted this Alliance pilot doll when she was 10 years old, from debris she found in the junkfields.

Orange fabric salvaged from a New Republic cargo container

DOLL

X-wing pilot helmet once belonging to Captain Doumit Kash of the Tierfon Yellow Aces

Satchel holds tools and small salvage

SALVAGED REBEL FLIGHT HELMET

Rey has maintained the weatherproofing on her toppled AT-AT in excellent condition, keeping the desert heat out during Jakku's scorching day, and the warmth in on chilly nights. Traps keep other scavengers out of her home.

LIVING ALONE

Rey is a gifted mechanic, seemingly having an innate sense of how machinery fits together and functions. Having grown up in the shadows of last generation war technology, she is comfortable around vehicles and weapons. She has also become a skilled pilot, despite showing no desire ever to leave her desolate world. Her only escapes from the brutal conditions of Jakku are vivid flights of imagination, where she envisions lush, green worlds and fantasizes about a family she has never known.

Skin has adapted to extreme UV radiation

Tight bindings keep out the sun and sand

Rey's vehicle favors speed over cargo capacity, meaning she must often make return trips to carry salvage into town. Rey has seen that smaller hauls are easier to defend; a greedy scavenger quickly draws rivals.

SCAVENGER

Rey's daily routine on Jakku consists of treks into the junkfields, where she explores inside the massive wrecks, scavenging valuable pieces of technology. She brings her haul to Niima Outpost, where she trades it for food. Climbing through decaying Star Destroyers or Star Cruisers requires Rey to be in peak physical shape, and she must also be ready to defend herself against cutthroat thieves who roam the wastes.

Primary heat exchanger

Netting filled with salvage

Windscreen

Vertical stabilizer

Afterburner assembly

The forward intake grill directs air into a dual turbojet assembly, producing turbocharged thrust for incredible speeds.

REY'S SPEEDER

Rey's junker speeder is a cobbled-together transport that she built for travel across the Jakku wilderness. The craft sits between the classifications of speeder bike and swoop, not quite fitting in either category. A modified tractor web keeps Rey in place as the speeder rockets up to immense speeds, and well-positioned heat sinks keep the engine thrusters from burning her.

Survival equipment stored inside

Brushes

Happaborn-leather wallet

SALVAGE CLEANING KIT

Water bottle

SURVIVAL SATCHEL

Mesh-windowed salvage sack

Tools

Compressed air tank

SALVAGE TRAY

DATA FILE

> Rey's interaction with offworlders has allowed her to learn nonhuman languages such as Wookiee and ceteemech binary.

> Rey refuses to leave Jakku, as she is hopeful that whoever left her on the planet will return someday.

Goggles are stormtrooper helmet lenses

Salvaged quarterstaff

Gorath-wool traveler's boots

REY:
SURVIVOR´S SPIRIT

REY'S RECOGNITION of the importance of the Resistance's survival in the face of the rising First Order threat gives her the strength to leave Jakku. She joins Finn on his inherited mission to deliver BB-8 to a Resistance stronghold. Though she still harbours ideas of returning to Jakku, Rey is catapulted into an adventure that makes it clear her fate lies along a path far from that dead-end desert world. Her skills as a warrior, pilot and mechanic are fully tested, and Rey comes to discover she has remarkable abilities she never suspected.

Rey has learned self-defence as a matter of necessity. With her battered but durable staff, she has perfected thrusting, swinging and striking techniques to keep away unruly thugs.

A TOUGH LIFE

Rey's skills as a scavenger have earned the respect of many junk traders, particularly Unkar Plutt, who orders his thugs not to steal her wares as she is much more valuable as a continued source of salvage. When Rey oversteps this fragile respect by reneging on a trade with Plutt, the temperamental junk boss orders that she be taught a violent lesson. This is far from the only betrayal she has suffered. The harsh conditions on Jakku have taught Rey that good fortune often invites trouble, and bullies only fear strength.

Firm back arm grip to power a sudden swing

Heat exchanger plate

Quadrijet fusial thrust intake

Salvaged quarterstaff

Bloggin-leather and wool strap

QUADJUMPER
Berthed in Bay 3 at Niima Outpost, this Quadjumper belongs to a group of independent junk haulers and arms dealers. First Order TIE fighters blast it to cinders when Rey and Finn briefly consider using the ship as an escape craft.

Blade fashioned from droid arm attachment

REY'S KNIFE

Lower defensive position

Agile footwork practised on shifting sands

Having made an enemy of the First Order by her alliance with Finn, Rey is forced to flee Jakku. She and Finn hurriedly board a dilapidated Corellian freighter, and Rey proves her remarkable piloting abilities.

Meeting Maz Kanata has a profound effect on Rey. She comes to understand that she is an essential part of a much larger galactic tapestry that is unfurling before her eyes, and that the power of the Force is real.

AN AWAKENING

Since the disappearance of Luke Skywalker and the shattering of his fledgling Jedi following, the cosmic Force has lain dormant, seemingly quieted to those able to sense its presence. The adventures of Rey and Finn on Jakku coincide with a turbulence in the cosmic Force, a sudden ripple indicating the awakening of newfound ability. With the Jedi and their records vanished, few – other than Kylo Ren and his mysterious master – are able to appreciate this occurrence.

Armoured body shell

Flash-suppressing/ stabilising muzzle

REY'S BLASTER
A gift from Han Solo, Rey's LPA NN-14 blaster pistol has a compact grip to best fit her small hands, but its enlarged power core and reinforced frame means it is sturdy and packs a respectable punch.

Handle wrapping made from scraps of uniform

Blade length adjust

SKYWALKER'S LIGHTSABER
Anakin Skywalker constructed this weapon at the start of the Clone Wars, and it was later passed to his son, Luke. Luke lost it in battle on Cloud City, but someone salvaged it from the city's industrial depths.

Activation matrix

Power cell

QUARTERSTAFF

Simple hairstyle designed for desert survival

Salvaged gauze wrap

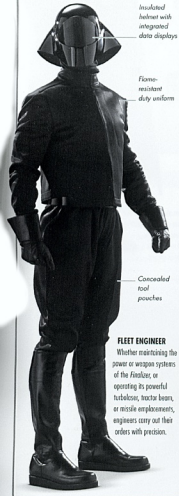
DATA FILE

> Though Rey has heard fragments of legends of the Jedi, she is surprised to learn that they were ever real.

> Rey's fighting skill with her staff translates well into other short-ranged melee weapons, including those she has never wielded before.

FINALIZER CREW

THE GALACTIC CONCORDANCE prevented the First Order from accessing the scattered Academies that had filled out the ranks of the Imperial Navy. Instead, the surviving Imperials created new Academies far from the prying eyes of the New Republic, situating them aboard Star Destroyers built in hidden shipyards on the far side of the galaxy. The young fleet officers produced by these shipboard schools often spend their entire lives aboard Star Destroyers, and many think of these giant warships as their homes.

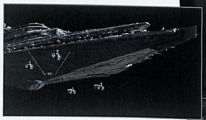


FLEET ENGINEER
Whether maintaining the power or weapon systems of the *Finalizer*, or operating its powerful turbolaser, tractor beam, or missile emplacements, engineers carry out their orders with precision.

FIRST ORDER FLEET

Though too small to rival the navy of the Galactic Empire at its height, the First Order fleet is nonetheless a formidable concentration of spaceborne destructive power. The New Republic, with what First Order admirals mock as typical shortsightedness, was so thorough in its galactic disarmament that the First Order's secret fleet of Star Destroyers now stands almost unchallenged.

Lieutenant Mitaka's impressive academic career proves to be inadequate when faced with the fierce temper of Kylo Ren.



With its immense hangar space, each *Resurgent*-class Star Destroyer carries with it the operational challenges of a bustling spaceport.

LIEUTENANT MITAKA
Dayfield Mitaka graduated at the top of his Academy class, earning a prestigious placement aboard the *Finalizer*. He wears a commemorative armband that bears the name of a notable admiral of the Old Empire.

BRIDGE PERSONNEL

First Order starship crews work closely together to ensure the smooth operation of their massive vessels. Evermobile and immensely complex, Star Destroyers require constant attention from their personnel. As a result, each standard day is divided into six four-hour-long shifts, divided among three crew sections. Each section fosters a strong sense of unity and team identity.

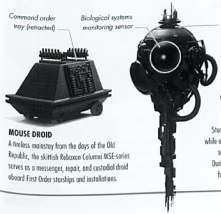
The bridges of *Resurgent*-class Star Destroyers are much better protected than the exposed conning towers of old Imperial warships. The sunken work stations, a design that dates back to the Clone Wars-era Jedi cruisers, continue to be the preferred layout for architectually denoting command hierarchy.

BRIDGE SCREENS
Simplified bridge displays with limited colors allow for the rapid dissemination of complicated data.

DATA FILE

> Access to command systems and certain areas of First Order vessels and installations is governed by coded rank cylinders worn by officers.

> The Resistance has limited intelligence of the First Order fleet, and many fear that the *Resurgent*-class is not the largest of the new Star Destroyer designs.



MOUSE DROID
A tireless mainstay from the days of the Old Republic, the skittish Rebaxxen Columni MSE-series serves as a messenger, repair, and custodial droid aboard First Order starships and installations.

INTERROGATION DROID
Developed in violation of strict New Republic laws prohibiting torture, the new generation IT-000 is a corruption of medical droid tech.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER UNAMO

PETTY OFFICER THANISSON

Stormtroopers follow their own chain of command while aboard fleet vessels, with a captain of the guard serving as ultimate authority over the troopers. During alerts, however, troopers will follow orders from any officer regardless of branch of service.

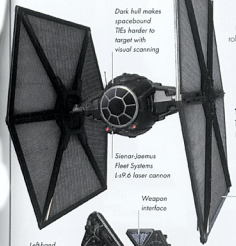
TIE FIGHTER PILOTS

ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY, as well as the necessity that comes from no longer being the dominant galactic space force, have greatly benefited the latest generation of TIE fighter pilots. No longer callously treated as simply a line in a military ledger, TIE pilots are now given greater training and support in their missions. Their new generation fighter craft, though strongly resembling the TIEs of old, have a much greater survival rate than that suffered by the TIE pilots of the Galactic Empire.

The radimentary deflector shields aboard new generation TIE fighters also smooth their passage through atmospheres, granting TIEs greater atmospheric control without needing streamlined modifications to the spacframe.

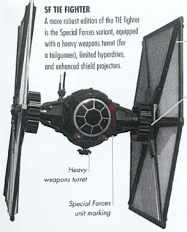
TIE PILOT CORPS

The new generation of TIE fighter pilots undergo rigorous training not unlike the constant and dehumanizing drilling faced by stormtrooper cadets. The pilots begin training at childhood, and most grow up within the corridors of Star Destroyers, becoming intimately familiar with starship operations. The First Order maintains strict standards of reflexes, visual acuity, and hand-eye coordination. Those pilots who fail to measure up are transferred to other roles within the fleet.



TIE FIGHTER
The standard fighter craft of the First Order Fleet is the TIE/fo, an advanced version of the ubiquitous TIE/ln of the Galactic Civil War.

FLIGHT CONTROLS
A sophisticated Torplex flight computer translates the movements of the pilot's two control columns into micro-adjustments to the twin ion streams that propel this craft.



SF TIE FIGHTER
A more robust edition of the TIE fighter is the Special Forces variant, equipped with a heavy weapons turret (for a tailgunner), limited hyperdrive, and enhanced shield projectors.

DATA FILE

> Standard TIEs have finally been granted deflector shield technology—a profound change in philosophy from the days of the Galactic Empire.

> Aboard First Order Star Destroyers, TIEs are deployed from hangar conveyor mechanisms that carry them up from deeper storage decks.

TIE fighters engage the *Millennium Falcon* over the junk-strewn dunes of Jakku.

SPECIAL FORCES PILOT HELMET

A particularly stubborn Special Forces pilot pursues his prey through the inner workings of the derelict Super Star Destroyer *Ravager*.

SPECIAL FORCES

The distinctive flashes of red that stand out from the all-black armor of some TIE fighters and their pilots are the mark of the Special Forces—elite starfighter pilots answerable directly to the upper command levels of the Starkiller operation. The markings date back to the decorated flight barons of the Old Empire.

HAN SOLO

IF ANYTHING is consistent in Han Solo's life, it is unpredictability. His past exploits are the stuff of legends—he has been the famed smuggler who smashed the record for the Kessel Run; the onetime captain of the *Millennium Falcon*; the death-marked fugitive who outran Boba Fett and outlived the ire of Jabba the Hutt; and the scoundrel who won the heart of the last princess of Alderaan and became a hero of the Rebellion.
Transition to a time of peace has not been easy for Han, who never expected an early or tranquil retirement. As the pendulum of fate once more swings the galaxy into war, he once again finds himself in the center of the chaos.

OLD HABITS

After the Galactic Civil War, Han Solo's life took unexpected turns as he became husband to an influential New Republic politician, a family man, and—for a time—a successful racing pilot. But the peace of this life was not to last, and after a profound tragedy upended what had become normal for the Corellian, Solo returned to his old life as a tramp freighter captain, smuggler, and freelance law bender. Chewbacca returned to Solo's side, and although much had changed, in many ways it was like the old days.

DETONATOR

Han and Chewie are surprised to find stowaways aboard the *Millennium Falcon*, but quickly realize that the inexperienced youngsters do not pose a threat.

HAN'S WELDING GOGGLES

HAN'S HEAVY BLASTER PISTOL
Han continues to favor the Blastech DE-44 design he has carried since before the Galactic Civil War, even though newer models have come and gone.

DATA FILE

> Solo never considered himself sentimental as a young man, but now finds himself treasuring relics of when he was in his prime.

> The younger Solo once scoffed at any mention of the Force, but now says without reservation that its power is real.

A brief visit to Takodana and the sanctuary of Maz Kanata's pirate den is suddenly interrupted by an unmistakable show of force by the First Order.

FOR THE RESISTANCE

Though Solo tries to remain apolitical he cannot abandon his conscience when it becomes apparent that the Resistance needs him. For Han, it is less about lofty ideals of freedom and democracy than it is to answer impassioned pleas for help from Rey, Finn, and ultimately, Leia Organa. Solo suits up for trouble and charges into danger, plunging into the very heart of the First Order, in an attempt to make a difference in as foolhardy and reckless a way as possible: a classic Han Solo gambit.

Over the years, the *Falcon* has switched hands from Lando Calrissian to Solo, from Solo to Ducain, from Ducain to the Irving Boys, from the Irving Boys to Unkar Plutt, from Unkar Plutt to Rey, and back to Solo.

SHIPS OF FORTUNE

As easily as the *Millennium Falcon* fell into Solo's life after a heated game of sabacc, so it was destined to abandon him after a change in fate. Solo made do with other ships at his disposal, eventually settling on an enormous bulk freighter named the Eravana, which he uses to haul massive shipments of legally questionable cargo. The ship is largely automated, meaning Solo and Chewbacca can handle most of the work, but on particularly dangerous or profitable hauls he hires additional hands.

SCOUNDREL'S LUCK
Solo has kept the golden pair of dice that he used in the "Corellian Spike" game of sabacc in which he won the *Millennium Falcon* from Lando Calrissian.

CHEWBACCA

FAITHFUL FIRST MATE and copilot Chewbacca has loyally stood by his captain's side through the twisting fortunes of a galaxy in turmoil. Devoted to Solo no matter what ship the Corellian pilot happens to be flying, Chewie serves as a mechanical mastermind, keeping ships operational after Solo's harebrained maneuvers push them to their limit. As a long-lived Wookiee, the decades that Chewie has spent at Solo's side are scant payment of the life debt that Chewie feels he owes Solo. The two continue to be inseparable friends.

WOUNDED WARRIOR

A run in with competing gangs over a matter of credits owed results in Chewbacca suffering a blaster wound. Though the wound is suitably field-dressed, it requires a closer inspection from a medical professional. Doctor Kalonia of the Resistance applies her skilled touch to the injured Wookiee.

MEDICAL KIT
Kalonia's field kit is well equipped to handle blaster burns, with antiseptic field generators, bacta bulbs, and synthflesh dispensers within easy reach.

Soothing words from Kalonia calm the temperamental Chewbacca, who has never been good around doctors. Kalonia's fluency in Shyriiwook makes her a sympathetic ear.

TOOL KIT
Despite the *Falcon*'s ramshackle appearance, Chewbacca is surprisingly particular when it comes to the storage of his tools. He often wishes Han was the same.

BOWCASTER

Chewie's hand-crafted bowcaster is a traditional Wookiee ranged weapon. Colloquially known as a laser crossbow, the weapon uses alternating magnetic polarizers to energize a destructive bolt known as a quarrel. The quarrel emerges from the barrel sheathed in blaster energy, resulting in a particularly explosive impact. The weapon requires Wookiee strength to fire comfortably.

DATA FILE

> At 234 years old, Chewbacca is still not yet approaching middle age for a Wookiee.

> After the Battle of Endor, Chewbacca helped lead the New Republic effort to liberate Kashyyyk from Imperial rule.

"We're home," declares Han as they recover the *Falcon*. Although Chewie's time aboard the vessel represents a smaller percentage of his life, he is still fond of the ship he invested so much effort into maintaining.

Chewbacca is the first Wookiee Finn has ever met. Unable to understand Chewie's language, the young First Order deserter is intimidated.

PARTNERS IN CRIME

Chewbacca returned to Kashyyyk once it was free from Imperial rule and reconnected with his larger family. Wookiee familial bonds are strong, but occur in a timescale alien to humans with their shorter lifespans. As such, it is relatively easy for Chewbacca to spend decades adventuring in the galaxy, away from his people. When Han Solo returns to a life of smuggling, Chewbacca feels honor-bound to follow his trusted friend down this path and offer what help he can.

EXPLOSIVES BAG
Chewbacca puts his great strength to good use hauling a rucksack full of pyro-detonation explosives, during a mission to sabotage the First Order's evil plans.

Ever loyal, Chewbacca accompanies Han Solo on his mission to infiltrate the Starkiller operation. Chewie is Solo's sworn protector and will do all he can to keep him safe.

BANDOLIER
Chewbacca's bandolier holds ammunition and a carry-pouch containing tools to keep his bowcaster in operational condition.

RATHTARS

THE LATEST SCHEME in Han Solo's bid for independent fortune ranks among his most reckless and dangerous. He has converted a large freighter into a mobile animal pen, and has stocked it with ravenous rathtars, the slimy beasts responsible for the infamous Trillia Massacre. Solo's client, the pompous and conceited King Prana, is paying top credit for the beasts, and Solo has borrowed against that fee to make this shipping run possible. Despite his repeated promises of success, delivered with typical charm, Solo's precarious house of cards is about to fall apart.

HOWLING HORRORS

Though rathtars appear physiologically primitive, with only rudimentary senses and a lack of true skeleton, they show an affinity for pack hunting. Their howls transmit in ranges beyond those audible by humanoids, but can be heard and understood by fellow rathtars. In a way not yet known, it seems the creatures get smarter the more rathtars are present.

Within the *Erawana*'s hold, Han Solo reveals the unsettling news to Rey and Finn that he is hauling a cargo of live rathtars. The two fugitives from Jakku realize that their troubles have escalated, as they have traded First Order pursuers for a possible encounter with vicious, carnivorous beasts.

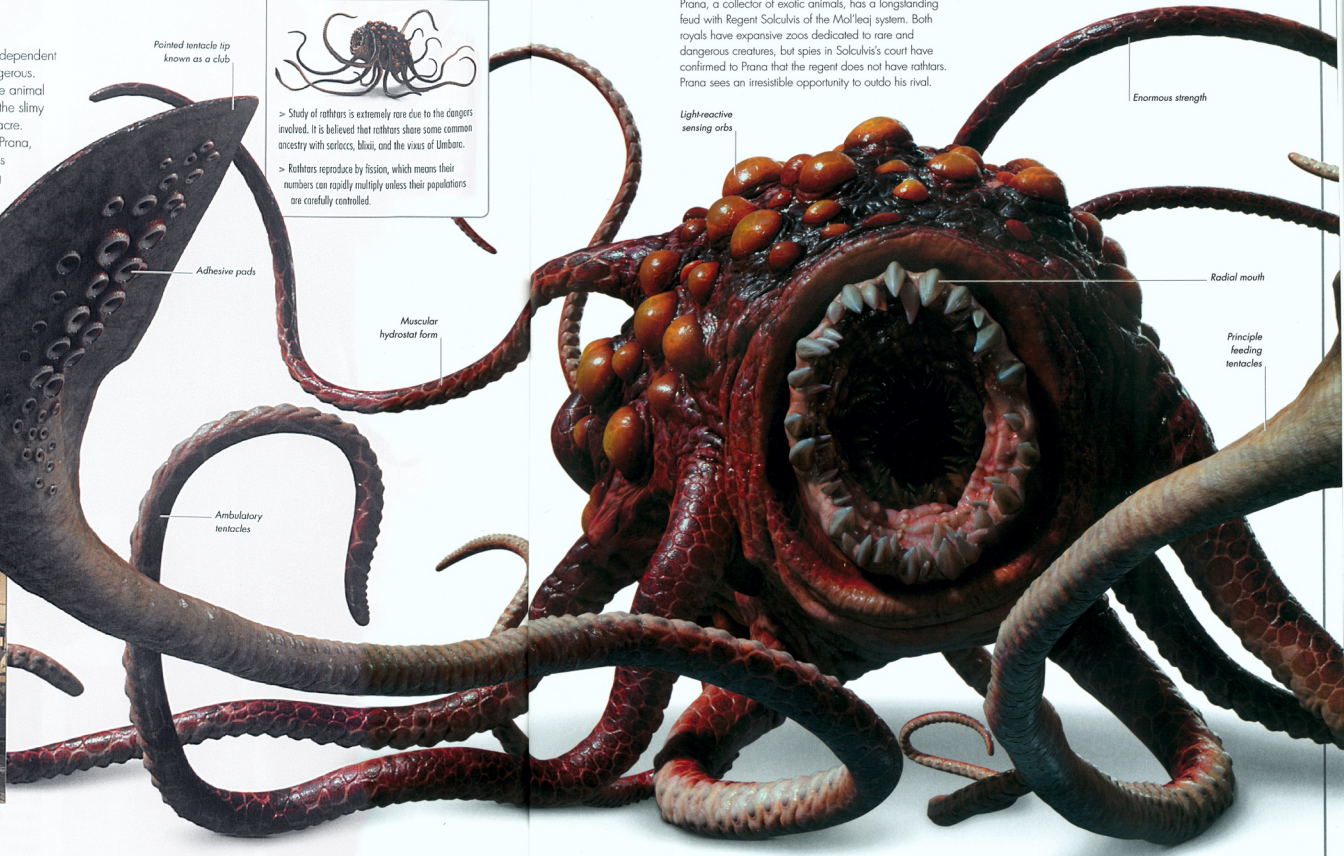
DATA FILE

> Study of rathtars is extremely rare due to the dangers involved. It is believed that rathtars share some common ancestry with sarlaccs, blixii, and the vixus of Umbara.

> Rathtars reproduce by fission, which means their numbers can rapidly multiply unless their populations are carefully controlled.

FIT FOR A KING

Prana, a collector of exotic animals, has a longstanding feud with Regent Solculvis of the Mol'leaj system. Both royals have expansive zoos dedicated to rare and dangerous creatures, but spies in Solculvis's court have confirmed to Prana that the regent does not have rathtars. Prana sees an irresistible opportunity to outdo his rival.



GUAVIAN DEATH GANG

TO BANKROLL HIS HAUL for King Prana, Han Solo foolishly borrows 50,000 credits from the Guavian Death Gang, a criminal organization formerly based out of the Core Worlds. With the Guavian bosses tired of his excuses and delays, soldiers of the organization shadow Solo's freighter from his departure point on Nantaan. They seek to collect on Solo's overdue loan, and also make clear that a criminal organization with the words "Death Gang" in its name is not to be taken likely. The security soldiers of the Guavian Death Gang wear high-impact armor that makes them stand out among other deadly criminals.

Bala-Tik speaks with the clipped tones of the Core Worlds, but with a harsher edge.

BALA-TIK

Guavian frontman Bala-Tik is familiar with Solo's silver tongue, and won't accept another catalog of excuses from the Corellian. Although it would undoubtedly be easy to gun Solo down in cold blood and thus live up to the Death Gang name, Bala-Tik knows Solo to be a valuable source of profitable information. In the past, Bala-Tik has shaken moneymaking leads out of Solo, though his patience with the pilot grows razor-thin.

PERCUSSIVE CANNON

Bala-Tik and the rest of the Guavians carry the latest in black market technology, such as massive percussive cannons that fire particularly explosive blaster bolts.

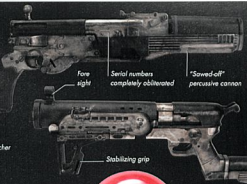
DATA FILE

> Following the collapse of the Galactic Empire and the transfer of the capital off of Coruscant, the Core World criminal underworld underwent massive changes.

> The Guavians were displaced and informed in the Inner Rim and Colonies regions.

MASKS

Guavian security soldiers communicate via high frequency data streams transmitted from the central disk in their faceplates. They are otherwise expressionless, giving them an even greater air of menace.



DEADLY WEAPONRY

The Guavians have contracts throughout the armament industry and pay a steep price for the latest weapon prototypes to go "missing" and end up in their hands.

Bala-Tik is wary enough of Han Solo and Chewbacca to bring with him an armored contingent of security soldiers. He suspects Solo will be crazy enough to start a gunfight near an airlock.

SECURITY SOLDIERS

The Guavian Death Gang's red-armored foot soldiers are faceless killers who have sworn loyalty in exchange for cybernetic augmentation. A mechanical reservoir pump acts as a second heart, injecting a secret concoction of chemicals directly into the bloodstream, boosting a Guavian soldier's speed and aggression to deadly levels. Everything about them is inhuman and highly illegal.

KANJIKLUB

AN OUTER RIM GANG of ruffians that often comes into the conflict with the Guavian Death Gang, Kanjiklub has found common ground with their rivals in the form of a mutual hatred of Han Solo. The sly Corellian smuggler has borrowed money from both outfits to complete his risky cargo haul, and neither organization cares for Solo taking such risks with their capital. Added to that, Solo has twice left Kanjiklub empty-handed after failures to deliver cargo.

DATA FILE

> Kanjiklub hails from Nar Kanij, a Hutt colony world left in disarray following a gang war within the Hutt cartels.

> Formerly subjugated by the Hutts, the human colonists of Nar Kanij overthrew their overlords and struck out on their own.

TASU LEECH'S "NUTTSPLITTER" BLASTER RIFLE

TASU LEECH

Tasu Leech is the nominal leader of the scruffy Kanjiklub gang. Unlike their more organized and polished Guavian rivals, Kanjiklub resembles an unruly group of streetfighters and weapon-wielding thugs who dabble in extortion, piracy, and starship theft. Leech is not one for elaborate plans and rarely thinks beyond the next raid. Traditional to his frontier roots, he refuses to speak a word of Basic, deeming it a "soft language for soft people," though he can understand it well enough.

DONDERKUS BLASTER

In accordance with Kanjiklub tradition, the leader of the gang may be challenged to combat by his underlings at any time. Tasu Leech has defeated many would-be usurpers to his command.

KANJIKLUB MEMBERS

During their long endavement by the Hutts, the human colonists of Nar Kanij developed fighting styles that incorporated improvised weaponry, both melee and ranged. The modern Kanjiklubbers celebrate the ingenuity that kept their ancestors alive, and typically equip themselves with intimidating patchwork armor, jury-rigged rifles, blades, and clubs.

VOLZANG LI-THRULL

The raucous nature of Kanjiklub and the constant vying for dominance within the ranks means the roaring group rarely operates well as a team, unless Tasu Leech is directly in command.

CROKIND SHAND

LI-THRULL'S BOILER RIFLE

QIN-FEE'S "WASP" BLASTER RIFLE

SHAND'S HEAVY BORE RIFLE

RAZOO QIN-FEE

A lieutenant to Tasu Leech, Razoo Qin-Fee was banned from the underworld Zygerrian fighting circuit for suspected cheating—a remarkable feat in a sport that has no rules. A pyromaniac and tech expert, Razoo maintains the hodgepodge weaponry and explosives favored by the wild Kanjiklubbers, frequently upgrading and modifying their deadly tools of the trade to exacting and sinister specifications.

C-3PO

A FUSSY PROTOCOL DROID with decades of continuous functioning, C-3PO serves General Organa to the best of his programed ability. Though he has never felt comfortable in wartime, C-3PO has begrudgingly accepted that a war room will be his base of operations for most of his mechanical lifetime. C-3PO has seen a promotion in his duties since the Rebellion; in addition to his responsibilities as translator, he is also in charge of the movement's pool of spy droids distributed across the galaxy.

C-3PO has served the Organa household since Leia was born. Leia can't help but think of him as a fixture in her life.

SPYMASTER

All Resistance droids can maintain a communication link to one another via a special protocol partially engineered by C-3PO. With a great knowledge of droid languages from across the galaxy, C-3PO manages the influx of information that comes from droids in the field. He laments that he neglected to activate the tracking protocol on BB-8 prior to its latest mission.

During stressful times in the Resistance command center, C-3PO deeply wishes that R2-D2 was operating at full capacity again.

DATA FILE

> C-3PO has uploaded his FreeLang III communications package to increase his language fluency to over seven million forms of communication.

> C-3PO is uncharacteristically quiet when it comes to discussing his salvaged arm; it is a memento of another droid's sacrifice.

R2-D2

AN ASTROMECH DROID that first saw action during the twilight of the Republic, R2-D2 is finally beginning to show his age as newer and more advanced models become the norm for starship support duty. For several years now, R2-D2 has not been operating at peak capacity. His celebrated role in the Rebellion has afforded him semi-retirement rather than the standard recycling the resource-strapped Resistance would normally employ.

R2-D2 was a constant companion to Luke Skywalker during his journeys across the galaxy following the Battle of Endor, and was witness to triumph and tragedy.

DATA FILE

> On most days, R2-D2 is kept underneath a tarp to prevent the D'Qar humidity from damaging his systems.

> R2-D2 has never had his memory wiped—a practice that dates back to Anakin Skywalker's ownership of him.

Though R2-D2 remains unresponsive, C-3PO still regularly talks to him, fusses over him, and even finds ways to engage with him.

STANDBY MODE

As R2-D2 recuperates in his self-imposed low power mode, his diagnostic systems are attempting to organize the vast trove of information in his droidcranks from over seven decades of uninterrupted operation. The defragmenting of millions of excandes within his memory is causing R2-D2 to "dream" many of his greatest adventures.

THE SENATE

SINCE THE HISTORIC signing of the Galactic Concordance between the New Republic and the defeated Empire, the preservation of peace in the galaxy has been the dominant focus of the newly restored Galactic Senate. Convincing a war-weary galaxy that this period of renewal would be different proved challenging, as similar promises had been made during the rise of the Empire. As a bold demonstration of the government's dedication to break with historical precedent, the New Republic did not settle on Coruscant. Instead, its capital shifts across member worlds by a process of election.

Hosnian Prime serves as the current New Republic capital. Moving the Senate from Coruscant did much to convince the many disaffected systems that had tried to withdraw from the Republic prior to the Clone Wars.

NAHANI GILLEN OF UYTER

BRASHON KEE OF AREDNEDO

THANLIS DEPALLO OF COMMERIOR

CHANCELLOR VILLECHAM

A delegate from the Mid Rim Tarsuni system, Lanever Villecham is in the second year of his first term of office as Chancellor of the New Republic Senate (the word "Supreme" has been eliminated from the title). Villecham's principal concerns in office include forging more agreeable trade relations with the neutral systems of the Trans-Hydian Borderlands. He is not worried about the First Order, as long as the former Imperials are contained within their borders and are following the dictates of the Galactic Concordance.

GADDE NESHURRION OF UBARDIA

DATA FILE

» Despite operating with the begrudging acknowledgement of the Senate, General Leia Organa's Resistance movement is a wholly independent body, whose actions are not sanctioned by the New Republic.

» The New Republic fleet is the largest defense force in the galaxy, but nevertheless is a fraction of what it was during the Clone Wars.

Faced with concrete evidence of the First Order's march to war, Leia dispatches Korr Sella to the Senate, in hope of securing military assistance from the New Republic.

ANDRITHAL ROBB-VOTI OF TARIS

THADLÉ BEREINKO OF NABOO

ZYGLI BRUSS OF CANDOVANT

KORR SELLA

Leia has come to realize that her reputation has been twisted by corrupt politicians, and the power of her voice has been weakened by personal attacks and rumors of delusion. Leia therefore relies on Korr Sella, a young envoy, to make her case for the Senate to take direct action against the First Order.

STARKILLER BASE

HIDDEN WITHIN the Unknown Regions that make up a vast swath of the galaxy westward of the Core is the true heart of the First Order. Concealed from the prying eyes of the New Republic and the questing probes of the Resistance, the descendants of the Galactic Empire have been amassing a power that violates the treaty restrictions of the armistice. But even their fleets of Star Destroyers and legions of stormtroopers pale in comparison to the destructive power of the First Order's newest superweapon: the sun-targeting Starkiller weapons platform.

The Starkiller is a titanic feat of engineering, and its operation requires vast amounts of personnel.

Starkiller Base is carved from the rock of an icy world, meaning that throughout the installation, mechanical surroundings give way to natural ones.

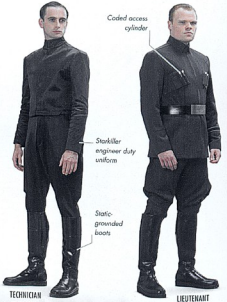
BASE DEFENSES

Starkiller Base is the largest known deployment of First Order military forces, and yet it cannot truly be considered the headquarters of the emergent power, as Supreme Leader Snoke keeps his command center mobile. Nonetheless, legions of stormtroopers stand ready to defend the base, bolstered by TIE fighters, missile and laser batteries, and incredibly powerful planetary shields that can deflect any bombardment.

Stormtrooper executing a parade ground about-face

JOINT OPERATION

The Starkiller operation is an unprecedented undertaking, requiring the efforts of every service branch of the First Order. As it has the unique characteristic of being both a planet-based and interstellar weapon, the command and operations crew draws from both Navy and Army ranks, meaning admirals and generals, commanders and majors work side by side to prime the weapon for its devastating debut.



Enormous banner of the First Order

COLONEL DATOO
A methodical officer in charge of the primary fire control room of Starkiller Base, Colonel Datoo believes that such destructive power demands respect from all within the ranks of the First Order.

DATA FILE

> The Starkiller is the culmination of Old Empire research into dark energy translations and hyperspace tunneling.

> The First Order selected the icy world for its unique energy-transmitting crystalline deposits.

The sheer size of the Starkiller operation means that the First Order must rely on droid workers. From the polished corridors to the hazmat plains, droids carry out a wide variety of essential tasks.

SENTRY DROID

Rolling casters for travel through base interior

Long-range communications antenna

PATROL DROID

STARKILLER OFFICERS

The officers of the First Order military grew up shielded on the far side of the Unknown Regions. They were the first generation to grow up after the Galactic Civil War, and with an Imperially-skewed version of galactic history. Under the guidance of Imperial veterans, they learned of a glorious past and the destiny that was stolen from them by terrorists who called themselves "rebels" and, later, the New Republic. These true believers see themselves as the only power capable of wresting the galaxy away from a path of chaos and corruption.

Rey, leaving grown up on a desert world, is ill-prepared for the frozen planet that houses the Starkiller. With countless lives hanging in the balance, she quickly ignores any thoughts of discomfort to continue her mission.

Rey's piloting skills and mechanical instincts serve her well when she climbs behind the controls of a First Order snow speeder.

INFILTRATION

Han Solo and Chewbacca have made a decades-long career of infiltrating seemingly impenetrable fortresses, and Starkiller Base is just the latest challenge in their path. Solo's foolhardy ingenuity lands a team of well-equipped intruders into the heart of the First Order operation, but the sheer scale of the base is unlike anything they've ever faced.

SNOWTROOPERS

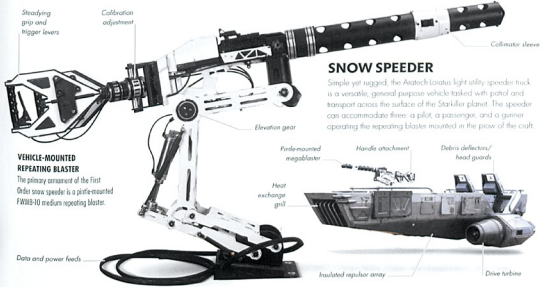
THE IMMENSE POWER harnessed by the Starkiller requires technology that penetrates and spans an entire planet. This means the crew and support staff of the weapon must remain mobile, zipping across and through the snow-covered globe. For security and maintenance of the Starkiller's surface facilities, the First Order equips stormtroopers with cold weather gear that is an advancement of similar equipment worn by the shock troops of the Galactic Empire. The First Order also uses such gear in the conquest of low-temperature worlds in its growing territory of space.

Snowtroopers come in from the cold to examine the interior of the *Millennium Falcon* after it trespasses into First Order territory.

GUARDING THE STARKILLER

The result of decades of searching for a world in the Unknown Regions with exacting specifications, the Starkiller planet is destined to play a crucial role in the First Order's bid for galactic dominance. As such, it is very well protected. Snowtrooper teams were the first to scour the frozen world, eliminating any native life forms that could pose a threat to the colossal excavation and construction project. Snowtroopers now guard all access points to the central headquarters, supported by patrol droids.

SONN-BLAS F-11D BLASTER RIFLE
Snowtroopers carry standard stormtrooper weaponry, with slight modifications to shunt excess heat into the more sensitive interior mechanisms.



VEHICLE-MOUNTED REPEATING BLASTER
The primary armament of the First Order snow speeder is a pintle-mounted FWMB-10 medium repeating blaster.

SNOW SPEEDER

Simple yet rugged, the Aratech Lonatus light utility speeder truck is a versatile, general purpose vehicle tasked with patrol and transport across the surface of the Starkiller planet. The speeder can accommodate three: a pilot, a passenger, and a gunner operating the repeating blaster mounted in the prow of the craft.

DATA FILE

> Though the Resistance has catalogued stormtroopers equipped for cold weather, incendiary, and crowd control operations, intelligence analysts are convinced there are many more specialist units awaiting discovery.

The deep mental conditioning that First Order stormtrooper recruits undergo helps eliminate weak-willed types likely to complain about cold conditions.

COLD WEATHER GEAR

Snowtrooper armor consists of fewer plates than the standard stormtrooper kit, to permit increased movement in difficult snow or icy terrain. However, the whole suit is sealed in an insulated "envelope," consisting of wind- and water-resistant fabric worn over a dense, heat-retaining body glove. A powerful heating and personal environment unit worn as a backpack monitors and regulates body temperature.

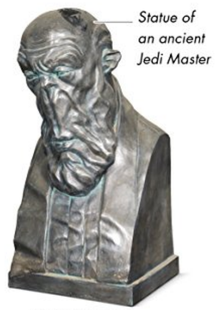
BODY ARMOR
The snowtrooper chest plate is made of bataplast composite, with an isophotic coating that prevents the buildup of frost, even in humid conditions.

MAZ KANATA

DESCRIBED AS AN acquired taste by those who know her best, the boisterous Maz Kanata has carved herself a safe haven on the fringe of the galaxy, where she holds court in an ancient castle as the preeminent font of smuggler wisdom. Kanata has got many a young brigand started in the freebooting trade, and has a preternatural gift for sensing the shifting tides of fortune in the galaxy. She has weathered many regime changes in her long life, and has not only survived, but found ways to thrive.

MAZ'S BLASTER

Compelled to explore the deeper recesses of Maz's castle, Rey faces some of her deepest fears as well as an overwhelming vision brought on by the power of the Force.



BUST OF MASTER CHERFF MAOTA

FUSION CUTTER HEAD

DIATIUM POWER CORE

PIRATE LEGEND

Maz's diminutive form seems at odds with her legendary exploits, though her larger-than-life personality bridges these extremes. Affable, eccentric and wise, she has seen much in her centuries of life and can rapidly take stock of new acquaintances. In recent decades, Maz has kept secret one of her greatest strengths – an affinity for the Force. Though she has known Jedi (and has a few tall tales regarding encounters with Knights and Masters), she never walked that path herself, instead relying on her strong connection to the Force to keep her out of danger.

MAZ'S CURIO BOX

MAZ'S TREASURES

In her centuries of travel, Maz has collected countless trinkets and treasures, not to sell but to protect. She has seen the tide of dark and light ebb and flow across the galaxy, and believes that a relic from the past may someday make a difference in the future.

STRONO "COOKIE" TUGGS

A centuries-old fixture within the castle, Tuggs has a surly attitude that is the subject of good-natured ribbing by those who eat his cooking in the dining hall.

CHADIAN AND UBESE DRESSINGS

GORNT MEAT

BAKED CUSHNIPS WITH FRAL

MEAT TENDERISER

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER

Thromba and Laparo are Frigosian cryptosurgeons who offer cosmetic alterations for those looking to disappear.

MAZ'S CASTLE

Having stood at the shore of a freshwater lake for millennia, Maz's castle is a peculiar blend of ancient and current. Sensor arrays and communications gear help keep Maz connected to the wider galaxy, but a short walk from the castle plunges visitors into a primordial forest seemingly never touched by technology. Maz enjoys this contrast. To her, it is yet another manifestation of a cosmic balance.

Upon arrival at the castle, Finn, Rey, Han and BB-8 pass by HURID-327, a jovial loadlifter droid.

DATA FILE

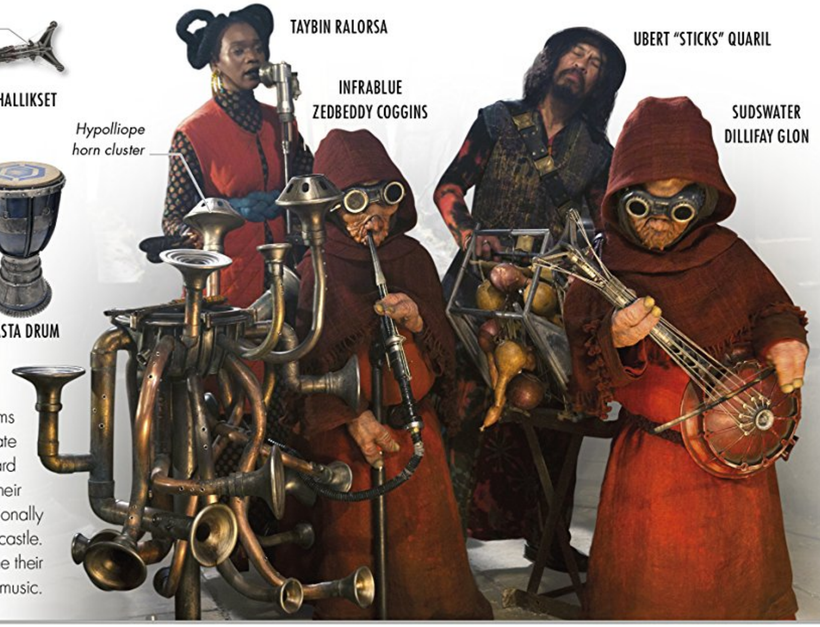
> Services available at Maz's castle include appraisals, loans, medical assistance, food, room and board, games of chance, navigational updates and basic repairs.

> Maz has only felt comfortable openly acknowledging her Force abilities since the death of the Emperor.

SEVEN-STRING HALLIKSET

XYLOXAN

KASTA DRUM



ENTERTAINMENT

A poet and painter, Maz delights in all forms of art as it provides a way for an old pirate to discover new wonders. She offers board to travelling musicians in exchange for their performances, and aspiring and occasionally desperate bands brave the cutthroat-filled castle. Some are thrill-seekers; others are looking to line their coffers in ventures that have little to do with music.

BLASTECH DH-17

GTAW-74 WELDER DROID

Plasma arc welder torch

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Resistance symbol

X-WING PILOT'S HELMET

External accelerator barrel cage

WASP BLASTER RIFLE

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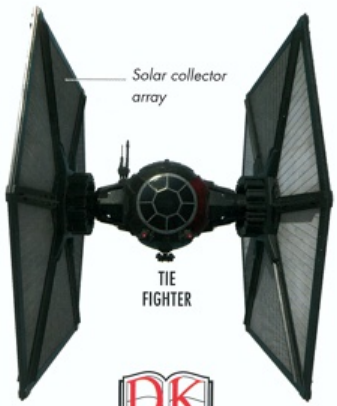
Helmet conceals Delphidian heritage

Armorweave-lined cape

CAPTAIN ITHANO



Solar collector array

TIE FIGHTER

Rank pauldron

Filtration system with external tank hook-up

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